



**Oceanic and Atmospheric Research
Retirement Ceremony for Assistant Administrator Craig McLean
March 16, 2022**

Order of Events

Ceremony 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Welcome

James Jenkins, Master of Ceremonies, OAR Chief of Staff

National Anthem

Caroline Park, Deputy Section Chief, Fisheries and Protected Resources Section,
NOAA Office of General Counsel

Presiding Official Remarks

Dr. Richard Spinrad, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere
and NOAA Administrator

Presentation from White House Office of Science and Technology Policy

Dr. Jane Lubchenco, Deputy Director for Climate and the Environment, White
House Office of Science and Technology Policy

Remarks on IOC Leadership

Dr. Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental
Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO and Assistant Director General
of UNESCO

Remarks on Ocean Exploration

Dr. Robert Ballard, President of the Ocean Exploration Trust

Presentation from Department of Commerce

Dr. Rebecca Certner, NOAA Liaison to the Office of Policy and Strategic
Planning, U.S. Department of Commerce



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Remarks from Mentors

Rolland Schmitten, Former NOAA Assistant Administrator for National Marine Fisheries Service and Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for International Affairs

RADM William Stubblefield, Ph.D., Former Director of NOAA Office of Marine and Aviation Operations and NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps

Tribute from Knauss Sea Grant Fellows

Danielle Farelli, OAR Assistant Chief of Staff (on behalf of Former Sea Grant Knauss Fellows)

Remarks from OAR Leaders

Ko Barrett, NOAA Senior Advisor for Climate

Dr. Robert Webb, Director of NOAA Physical Sciences Laboratory (on behalf of all OAR Laboratory Directors)

Flag Presentation

RDML Chad Cary, Deputy Director for Operations and NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps, Office of Marine and Aviation Operations

Retirement Remarks

Craig McLean, Assistant Administrator for Oceanic and Atmospheric Research



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Reception 4:00 PM -

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Sea Stories, HiJinks, Banter, Jokes, Presentations

All Participants Contribute

Facilitated by OAR Front Office